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SUBJ: LOS: SEABED COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF THIRD WEEK -  
MARCH 12-16

1. DURING THIRD WEEK, US DELIVERED MAJOR STATEMENT IN  
SUBCOMMITTEE I ON PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF SEABED  
REGIME. CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE II WORKING GROUP WAS  
SELECTED AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION BEGAN. SUBCOMMITTEE  
III MOVED TO NEXT ITEM OF WORK PROGRAM: MEASURES FOR  
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE I, US REP (MOORE) GAVE MAJOR STATEMENT  
URGING CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF REGIME  
AND MACHINERY BETWEEN SIGNATURE AND ENTRY INTO FORCE OF  
SEABED TREATY. US ALSO PROPOSED THAT SECRETARIAT  
UNDERTAKE STUDY OF RELEVANT PRECEDENTS IN THIS REGARD.  
STATEMENT WAS GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED AS IMPORTANT AND  
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MERITING SERIOUS ATTENTION. REQUEST FOR SECRETARIAT  
STUDY IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. WORKING GROUP IN

SUBCOMMITTEE I CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND DRAFTING OF ALTERNATIVE TREATY ARTICLES ON PRINCIPLES REGARDING GENERAL NORMS FOR EXPLOITATION, ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF SEABED MINING, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE II. PAKISTAN ADVOCATED TERRITORIAL SEA OF NOT MORE THAN 12 MILES, AND 200 MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC RESOURCE ZONE. PRC SUPPORTED RIGHT OF COASTAL STATE TO SET OWN LIMITS OF TERRITORIAL SEA AND OF ECONOMIC ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. PRC SPEECH INCLUDED GREAT DEAL OF POLEMICS AGAINST SUPERPOWERS ( MENTIONING USSR BY NAME BUT NOT US). PRC REP STATED SUPER- POWERS HAD TRIED TO IMPOSE NARROW LIMITS ON DEVELOPING COASTAL STATES IN ORDER TO DOMINATE AREAS MILITARILY AND PLUNDER RESOURCES WITHOUT REGARD TO COASTAL STATE INTERESTS. TURKEY INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLE ON TERRITORIAL SEA, FINLAND SPOKE ON FISHERIES AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORTED LANDLOCKED STATES' POSITIOON.

4. AMB. KEDADI OF TUNISIA WAS SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE II WORKING GROUP, WHICH WILL INITIALLY CONSIDER AS A WHOLE ITEMS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7 ON LIST OF SUBJECTS AND ISSUES ( I. E., TERROTORIAL SEA, CONTIGUOUS ZONE AND PREFERENTIAL COASTAL STATE RIGHTS.) DEBATE IN WG BEGAN WITH EGYPT CONCENTRATING ON PLURALITY OF REGIMES. US SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF SPECIES APPROACH ON FISHERIES WHICH ELICTED SOME RESPONSE.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE III. US GAVE SPEECH ON GEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE ( GLOBAL PLATE TECTONICS) GAINED FROM FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. SOVIETS INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MARINE POLLUTION. IN WORKING GROUP, DISCUSSION OF ITEM ON QTE BASIC OBLIGATION OF STATES UNQTE WAS COMPLETED FOR TIME- BEING. TWO ALTERNATIVE DRAFT FORMULATIONS WERE NOTED BUT SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. WG STARTED DISCUSSION OF ITEM 2 DEALING WITH SPECIFIC MEASURES ON PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION. CONSIDERING INTERNATIONALLY AGREED STANDARDS, WHILE DEFERRING FOR NOW DISCUSSION OF COASTAL STATE STANDARDS. WG RECEIVED OUTLINE OF COMPARATIVE

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TABLE OF MARINE POLLUTION PROPOSALS TO DATE. PHILLIPS

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